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Dear Parents/Carers,

Coronavirus update – school closure to most pupils

Following on from my last update, I'm now writing to let you know that **we have been instructed to close the school to almost all children after this Friday, 20th March 2020, until further notice.**

As advised by the government, we will do all that we can to stay open for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police, others in frontline services) and children with certain needs. We have worked hard over the last twenty four hours to establish which children may fall into one of these categories and will contact those involved directly. Any key workers intending to send their child to school needs to complete the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TM7ZHWX>

All other children will need to stay at home, so we ask that you do not send your child into school from Monday onwards. Please note that this is a national closure – as you may have heard in the news – so while it is a challenging situation, we are not alone. We'll re-open fully as soon as we can and will let you know when this is by text message, on our website and through social media channels.

Your child's learning is of course important to us and we will continue to help your child to learn by using online platforms to set appropriate work. All students have access to Show My Homework, which will be used to direct them to resources to use at home.

Show My Homework can be accessed directly at:

<https://bluecoatcollege.satchelone.com/school/homeworks/calendar>

or via a link on the school website at:

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/staff-links/student-quick-links>

If there are any issues accessing Show My Homework please email homework@bluecoatacademy.org

Students need to be proactive in making sure that they can access work, during this period of school closure. If your child does not have access to the internet, please let their Head of Year know as soon as possible so that we can make alternative arrangements for offsite learning. We have setup email addresses, which will be monitored throughout the closure period if you have any queries:

Year 7: hoy7@bluecoatacademy.org

Year 8: hoy8@bluecoatacademy.org

Year 9: hoy9@bluecoatacademy.org

Year 10: hoy10@bluecoatacademy.org

Year 11: hoy11@bluecoatacademy.org

Sixth Form: hoysixth@bluecoatacademy.org



We are also regularly updating our website with additional learning resources and advice for parents at this difficult time. These can be found using the following links:

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/staff-links/e-learning>

<https://www.bluecoatacademy.org/parents-carers/advice---support-for-parents>

If your child usually receives free school meals, we will also be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this, with support from a scheme that the government has announced. In the short term, a cold meal can be ordered and collected from school on a daily basis using the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BCAFSM>

All school events will be cancelled for the duration of the school closure. It has also been announced that no external examinations will take place this summer. We are awaiting further details of how grades will be awarded to year 11 and 13 students, which we will share with you as soon as we can.

This is as much as we know at the moment and we appreciate your continued patience with us as we deal with this ever-changing situation. We understand that this latest news will have an impact on you and your family and it's far from ideal, but we'll continue to keep in touch with any updates as the situation develops.

And remember: if you or your child feels ill and you want to know what to do next, please use [NHS 111 online](#).

Thank you again for your continued support, and we will be in touch with more information when we can.

Yours faithfully,



D. Smith
Principal